

TO INVESTIGATE THE WAR DEPT.

Senate Military Committee
Decides to Inquire into
Arming and Equipping
BAKER AND OTHERS
WILL BE CALLED

Committee Lays Its Plans to
Go into Conduct of
War

Washington, Dec. 12.—The committee on military affairs yesterday decided to authorize for itself a sweeping investigation into the preparation for the war. It will look into the construction of armaments, the conditions as to rifles, big guns and other munitions, the clothing contracts and other procedure of the official and unofficial bodies which have been co-operating with the war department toward assembling the resources of the United States. Secretary of War Baker, General Crozier, chief of ordnance, and many other heads of bureaus will be called before the committee to explain some of the charges made by enlisted men and their friends and business men that American preparation has been handicapped by inefficiency, wrong policy and red tape. Senator Wadsworth of New York has been particularly interested in matters relating to the bureau of ordnance and Senator Weeks of Massachusetts is prepared to ask a few pertinent questions relative to military uniforms.

The investigation, it was admitted by Senator Chamberlain yesterday, has been ordered in consequence of the many communications received by senators relative to conditions in the war department and elsewhere, many of them so specific that they could not be ignored. The senator said that large additional appropriations for the army would be needed, and that the committee desired to learn the exact facts as to conditions, as a guide to drawing its bills, some of which will have to be with other questions than of mere money.

Some senators have tried to learn for themselves what they could as to the truth of many stories that have come to them, but even they, with all their supposed influence, have been unable to satisfy themselves upon many points, most of them relating to the administration of the war department and the program of aeroplane construction. These senators have frankly declared since their return to Washington that they were tired of voting blindly for such appropriations as were demanded by the department without knowledge of anything that is being done with the money after it has been passed over. The action of the committee on military affairs yesterday indicates that at last some of this knowledge must be imparted to Congress before more huge appropriations are made, even though the disclosures of the officials questioned may not be made a matter of public record.

MCCORMACK TO GIVE THE RED CROSS \$100,000

Tenor Will Pay His Own Expenses on
Patriotic Concert Tour from At-
lantic to Pacific Coast.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A gift of \$100,000 to the Red Cross from John McCormack, the tenor, was announced yesterday. Paying his own expenses, Mr. McCormack will make a patriotic concert tour from the Atlantic to the Pacific, opening in Washington, Dec. 18, with a concert which the president and Mrs. Wilson have announced they will attend. "I will keep on singing until I have earned \$100,000 which the American Red Cross may use as it sees fit," said Mr. McCormack in making his offer.

The work will be a privilege to me and I will perform it with an enthusiasm such as I never have felt before."

B. & O. STRIKE AVERTED.

Federal Board Settles Difficulties Between Road and Telegraphers.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Difficulties which threatened a strike of 2300 telegraphers employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and a tie-up on one of the country's most important munitions and coal-carrying roads were settled yesterday by the federal board of mediation and reconciliation under the direction of Commissioner W. W. Hanger. A basic eight-hour day and increased pay for overtime work were the most important concessions to the men. Questions of pay for all Sunday work and a general 20 per cent increase in wages will be arbitrated.

PANAMA DECLARES WAR ON AUSTRIA

More Interning of Teutons—Canal Zone
Cleared of Alien En-
emies.

Panama, Dec. 12.—Panama declared war on Austria Monday. The government, in co-operation with the canal zone authorities, is interning Austrians. The zone has now been cleared of Germans and Austrians, in accordance with President Wilson's recent order.

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HOOVER AFTER THE PROFITEERS

Federal Agencies on Trail of Those Who
Speculate in Food-
stuffs.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Charges by Food Administrator Hoover that some dishonest wholesalers and retail merchants and food brokers have been criminally responsible for food shortages and rising prices were taken under advisement yesterday by the federal trade commission. Victor Murdock will be in charge of this inquiry.

Speculation in foods was declared yesterday in a statement by Commissioner Murdock to have far reaching results in causing unrest.

Unprincipled brokers and dealers are said to order goods beyond their requirements on a rising market believing they can make money if prices continue to go up and can at least prevent loss by rejecting the shipment.

"I am going to prosecute this investigation to the limit and bring any violators to the sternest payment of justice," said Commissioner Murdock. "Such pernicious business practices, which not only the men who follow them a little extra blood money, must be stamped out at the start and kept stamped out."

"I am going to give my entire time to this job if it is necessary to get results and put some of these unpatriotic camp followers and war leeches behind bars where they rightly belong."

"In this investigation I would like every citizen to consider himself specifically delegated by me to furnish any information which might be helpful in running down the type of food profiteers we are after."

TEMPERATURE 20 TO 40 BELOW THE DECEMBER AVERAGE

Coldest December Weather in 40 Years

in Ohio Valley—Slightly
Warmer To-morrow.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The coldest December weather in 40 years was recorded in the Ohio valley yesterday morning with a minimum temperature of 13 degrees below zero at Cincinnati. In all parts of the country east of the Rocky mountains the temperature yesterday was from 20 to 40 degrees below the usual average at this time of the year.

Some moderation of the cold was forecast yesterday by the weather bureau, which said that in the Ohio valley, Tennessee, the lake region, the south portion of the middle Atlantic states, the east and south Atlantic states, it would grow slightly warmer and there would be snow in the North or rain in the South to-day.

RAILS LED BREAK IN STOCK MARKET

Prospects of Government Ownership and
News from Abroad Sent.
Stocks Off.

New York, Dec. 12.—Prospects of government control of the railroads excited wide-spread apprehension in the stock street district yesterday, standard rails breaking 3 to 6 points. Reactions later spread to the rest of the list on rumors of more acute conditions abroad.

Rails were at lowest prices for the long sustained period of liquidation, some of these stocks falling to lowest prices ever recorded. At the beginning of the last hour losses of 2 to 5 points were recorded in stocks of all descriptions including industrials and specialties. The further extreme weakness of foreign bond issues added to the general feeling of discouragement.

The market was comparatively dull until the final hour when selling assumed wider proportions.

BEER BREWING IN BAD WAY.

Future of German Industry Is Viewed
with Gravest Apprehension.

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—The business of brewing beer, which ranks second in importance among German industries, is in a bad way, and according to the Berliner Tageblatt, so drastic have become the restrictive measures of the authorities in the matter of labor and material that the future is looked forward to with the gravest apprehension.

The aggregate capital invested in the German brewery trade amounts to three billion marks, distributed over 12,000 breweries. The latter control wholly or partly, 330,000 retail businesses, employing some 800,000 persons.

Concentration of labor and saving of fuel is the line which the authorities have adopted with ever increasing severity; needless severity, so the brewers say. The fact that the coal supply has been cut down by one half, served in a measure the concentration problems, because it has automatically brought numerous small breweries to a standstill.

Among the north German beer producers, a bitter feeling exists against the Bavarian brewers. The former complain that the Bavarians have been, and are being, unduly favored in the matter of obtaining barley and malt. Rumors are current that it has been found necessary to placate the people of Bavaria, who have suffered cruel losses in men during the war. Meanwhile, Bavaria remains the paradise of beer drinkers from the Prussian point of view, although the quality of the beverage is such that the popular verdict is "that it is wet and that's about all."

AMERICAN CORN SOLD.

At Five Cents a Pound by Mexico City
Council.

Mexico City, Dec. 12.—The city council has announced the sale of corn imported from the United States at 21 centavos a kilogram, or about five cents, American money, a pound.

The corn will be sold under the supervision of the city council and only four kilograms will be sold daily to each person. In this way no one party will be able to acquire a large amount for speculative purposes.

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IN LOCAL MARKETS

Dressed Pork Holds Steady
at 20 Cents Per
Pound

BUTTER AND EGGS
REMAIN FIRM

Potatoes Are Easier This
Week at \$1.10@1.20
Per Bushel

Barre, Vt., Dec. 12, 1917.
Pork holds steady, white potatoes are easier this week. Butter and eggs hold firm at last week's prices. Wholesale quotations:
Dressed pork—20c.
Veals—17@18c.
Lamb—25c.
Fowls—35c.
Chickens—28@30c.
Fresh eggs—35c.
Butter, creamery—46c.
Butter, dairy—44@45c.
Potatoes—Easier, \$1.10@1.20.

IN BOSTON MARKETS.

Butter Prints 48½@49c—Choice Eastern
Eggs 68@69c.

Boston, Dec. 12.—Jobbing quotations:
Butter—Fancy northern creamery, in tubs 47@47½c, boxes 48@48½c, fancy western creamery 46@47c, good to choice creamery 44½@45c, fair to good 43½@44c, renovated butter 41@41½c, ladies 39@39½c.
Cheese—New York twins, fancy 25@25½c, fair to good 23@24c, Young America 26½@27c.
Eggs—Fancy nearby hennerly 72c, choice eastern 68@69c, fresh western extras 65@66c, prime firsts 60@62c, firsts 57@58c, storage extras 39@40c, firsts 37@38c.

BEEFSTEAK PRICES FIRMER.

Lighter Receipts and Better Demand at
Brighton Market.

Brighton, Mass., Dec. 12.—Lighter receipts and an improved demand stiffened prices a trifle at the Brighton stockyards yesterday morning. Eastern trains were late, and this helped to keep the market on edge.

Choice, heavy cattle continue scarce. Drovers report that farmers refuse to sell best stock at current prices, and consequently the bulk of the arrivals is made up of light and medium stock. For anything grading above the average, 11 cents was the top yesterday, average tops selling at 9½@10 cents, good cattle at 8@9 cents and light cattle at 7@8 cents. One or two fancy cows sold up to 9 cents, but average tops were not quotable at over 7 cents. Canner cows were easy at 4@4½ cents, with ordinary cows at 5@6 cents and good cows at 6@7 cents.

Bologna bulls sold at 4½@5 cents, with average bulls at 7@7½ cents, and occasionally more for a fancy animal. Some small lots of fancy calves brought as high as 14½ cents, bunch lots selling at 13@14 cents, with fair lots at 10@12 cents, and grassers and drinkers at 7@9 cents. The supply of calves from New York state has fallen off materially and this has strengthened prices for eastern stock.

Sheep and lambs were nominal in price with not enough arriving to establish quotations. Hogs were firmer, though 18 cents was still about the top. Best lots brought 17½@18 cents and rough lots 17@17½ cents.

Milk cows sell slowly, though prices are very firmly held, especially for the best stock. Prices are unchanged, ranging from \$40@50 for ordinary milkers, up to \$100@125 and upward for fancy milkers.

The price of dressed hogs has been lifted to the level of two weeks ago, the packers now quoting 22½@23 cents, against 22@22½ cents a week ago, and 12½@13 cents at this time last year.

German in the Schools.
The Herald does not sympathize with the movement for cutting out the study of German in high schools and colleges. There is more demand for a knowledge of German now than there ever was before."

Rutland Herald.
It comes on good authority that in one Vermont high school not a single pupil elected German as a language study for the current year. Yet such a decision does nothing, absolutely nothing, to defeat Germany. If there ever was any reason why Americans should study the language of the Teutons, it exists to-day as potent as ever, even if not more so, as The Herald suggests.

War should not blind us as a people to some elemental truths. There is a wealth in German literature that ought not to be overlooked. If we do overlook it, we shall be the losers, not the Germans. And on the more practical side, let it be remembered that in self-protection as a nation we must be constantly able to arrive at an understanding of all peoples of the world, and how is the understanding to be reached if we purposely render ourselves ignorant of the greatest source of such an understanding, a working knowledge of the language?

One can find in German literature justification for every estimate of the German people now entertained in this country. It was Goethe who predicted that the Germans, full of strength, would become savages. It was Heine who prepared us for the return of the old Germanic gods and the overthrow of the belief in Christ by the people. It is from a knowledge of German that we learn that a national consciousness is stimulated in every way in the German people; that while we sing of "Sweet Molly Come Out To-night and Kiss Me Behind the Ear," the Germans of all classes sing their songs of prowess in war and the all around supremacy of the Teutons.

One can sympathize up to a point with those who now frown on the study of the German language, but one cannot entertain much respect for their judgment. We shall have use for German in the future, if for nothing else than to tell the Germans where to "head in" or to "get off" as the vernacular has it.—St. Albans Messenger.

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FARM CROPS WORTH \$21,000,000,000

Final Estimate By Department of Agriculture of Yields of Principal Products.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Many crops this year exceed the production of other years, while the value of the country's farm products, with a total estimated unofficially at \$21,000,000,000, far exceeds any other year in history. Final estimates of production of the principal farm crops were announced yesterday by the department of agriculture. The production estimates are:

	Bushels.
Corn	3,159,494,000
Winter wheat	418,070,000
Spring wheat	232,758,000
All wheat	650,828,000
Oats	1,587,286,000
Barley	206,975,000
Rye	60,145,000
Buckwheat	17,460,000
Flax seed	8,473,000
Rice	36,278,000
Potatoes	422,536,000
Sweet potatoes	87,141,000
Hay, tame	79,528,000
Hay, wild	15,402,000
Tobacco (pounds)	1,196,451,000
Sugar beets (tons)	6,287,000
Beans	15,701,000
Kaffirs	75,866,000
Onions	13,544,000
Cabbage (tons)	502,700
Hops (pounds)	27,778,000
Cranberries (barrels)	245,000
Apples (barrels)	58,209,000
Peaches (barrels)	45,066,000
Oranges (boxes)	12,832,000

One of the schools in Sherburne is not in session this winter because no teacher could be secured.

URIC ACID An Enemy in Ambush

(By Dr. M. C. Lucas.)

It was not until the discovery by Sir Arthur Garrod, in 1848, that the blood of gouty patients contained uric acid in an excessively large amount, that much attention was paid to this subject. Later scientific men learned that in gout (also true in rheumatism), the kidneys do not work properly to throw off the uric acid poison; consequently uric acid crystals are deposited in and about the joints, where an inflammation is set up in the nearby tissues. When for any reason the circulation is sluggish, as in the joints of the toes, crystals formed from uric acid are deposited there, and one suffers from gout; or, when deposited in the tissues, one suffers from muscular rheumatism or articular rheumatism. My only medicine to counteract the uric acid and to throw it out of the system is tablets of Anuric (double strength), three times a day.

The pain in the back, lumbago, pain in the neck, croaky joints, stiffness in muscles, have all been proven to be caused by uric acid poison in the blood and tissues. The kidneys soon become diseased, then there often follows disease in the muscles of the heart.

Kidney disease carries away a large percentage of our people. What is to be done? What can the ordinary person do to properly balance bodily health? The answer is easy. Eat less meat, eat coarse, plain food, with plenty of vegetables, drink plenty of water between meals, and take an uric acid solvent before meals for a while, such as Anuric (double strength), obtained at almost any drug store. It was first discovered by Dr. Pierce, of the Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N. Y. Most every one troubled with uric acid finds that Anuric dissolves the uric acid as hot water will dissolve sugar.—Adv.

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